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And the Soapbox Winner Is...

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

The beautiful, balmy weather held out one more day to grace the Marion Cub Scout Pack 32 soapbox derby with sunshine on Sunday, March 21. Four dens of 35 cub scouts, along with throngs of cheering children, lined Holmes Street in Marion village as soapbox racers careened down the slope and tried to get to the hay bale-padded finish line first.

With names like "Lightning Devil", "Silver Bullet" and "Golden Eagle", these racers were built for speed. Luckily, the kids were prepared for safety as well – colorful helmets protected all those heads and den leaders shouted safety tips on the sidelines. It wasn't always easy to navigate those soapbox racers, especially with just a rope for a steering wheel.

This was the first time in three years that Pack 32 enjoyed a soapbox derby, and it couldn't have been a nicer day to re-start an annual tradition. The soapbox derby experienced a bit of a lull before being revived this year, with the help of race director Will Poirier, Cubmaster Doug Breault and den leaders.

The wooden cars were each crafted by the four dens: Tigers/Wolves, Bears, Webelos I and Webelos II. Each scout raced twice, showing sportsmanship at the start by wishing each other luck before racing. After each start, the racers sped down the street while members of the pack sprinted behind them to continue shouting encouragement and to see the grand finish.

If the race wasn't exciting enough, the spectators also got to indulge in grilled food and "soapbox snacks". Children picnicked on blankets alongside the street, licking barbeque sauce from their fingers and clapping. For the kids, this was an exciting precursor to summer.

Den Webelos II went home with the title, but for



Above & On the Cover: On Sunday, March 21, 2010 The Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 revived the annual soap-box derby after a three-year absence. Scouts raced carts down Holmes Street in Marion for a chance to help make their den the fastest in the pack. After several races and dozens of trips up and down the hill, the Webelos II Den went home with the title. Photos by Felix Perez.

the other dens – there is always next year.

The scouts are hoping to add a fifth den to their pack next year, but they are in need of den leaders. Future activities will include overnight camping, a day at Carabiners indoor climbing, a game at the Pawsox stadium, and possibly an overnight trip to the U.S.S. Massachusetts at Battleship Cove. If you are interested in volunteering, or if your son might be interested in joining the cub scouts, visit their website: www.MarionScouts.com, or e-mail info@MarionScouts.com.

The News Blog Wrap-up

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Here's this week's News Blog Wrap-up:

• SEMASS Explosion Heard in the Tri-Town

Several emergency calls from Rochester households reported a loud explosion in the area on Thursday evening, March 18, at 8:30 pm.

The explosion came from the area of the Covanta SEMASS shredding plant in West Wareham. According to Mark Davis from SEMASS, there was a shredder explosion.

"Propane is a problem at this time of year," said Mr. Davis. "Instead of disposing of [propane tanks] properly, [residents] hide them in the trash." Mr. Davis said that they try to inspect all the trash, but if a small

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propane tank is hidden in a trash bag, it can go unnoticed. The spark of the metal hitting the shredder, combined with the release of the propane gas, can cause an explosion like the one heard Thursday night.

The explosion was heard as far as Fairhaven. Luckily, the fire burned itself out almost immediately.

The cost of fixing the shredder "is not excessive" this time, said Mr. Davis, but he said that people should understand how dangerous it is to dispose of propane illegally.

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

• What's That Smell?

Many area residents in Mattapoisett and Fairhaven were greeted with a strange smell when they first ventured outside on the morning of March 18. The Mattapoisett Police Department received calls from concerned citizens in the River Road area while the Fairhaven Fire Department's calls were centered in the Mill Road area and East Fairhaven.

Lt. Robert Lincoln of the Fairhaven Fire Department reported that the first call they received was at 6:20 am and by 8:30 am the reports had trailed off. The smell, which was reported to the smell similar to natural gas, rotting garbage, burning oil, or French fries, was believed to have been the smell of springtime.

Lt. Lincoln stated that odor was most likely caused by the warming spring like weather. As the area

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winds were very calm during the night the warming marshes and rivers warmed up, this can cause localized pockets of swamp gases. As the sun came up this morning and things began to warm up the smells dissipated.

All in all, the phenomenon gives new meaning the phrase "springtime fresh".

By Paul Lopes

Piece Together the Underground Railroad

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

The Mattapoisett Library is embarking on a new journey – quilting and the Underground Railroad. Starting on Saturday, March 20, and continuing for five weeks, Barbara Gaspar will teach an intergenerational

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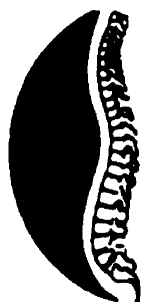


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group of students the art of quilting, and its connections to the Underground Railroad.

On Saturday mornings, the group – which will include three adults – will gather in the children's room in the library and learn quilting basics while listening to African American spirituals and hearing stories of the Underground Railroad. Among the quilt squares that Ms. Gaspar will discuss with the students are: the flying goose block, the tumbling block, the monkey wrench block and the most difficult block – the drunkard's path.

According to some historical sources, including the book *Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad* by Jacqueline Tobin, these blocks were symbolic for slaves trying to work their way north towards freedom. The quilt samplers, which would be placed in visible areas, like the front porch of an abolitionist's house, would display a secret code with the quilt squares. The monkey wrench square meant, "gather your tools and supplies". The wagon wheel square meant, "gather your provisions". The bear's paw instructed the slaves to follow a certain path, and the drunkard's path instructed them to avoid major roads.

All of these messages could be conveyed without alerting the plantation owners to the plans. Sympathizers to the fleeing slaves could provide insider information – where the "Underground Railroad agents" were, the best paths to use, and where to get supplies.

The Underground Railroad, which helped over 75,000 men, women and children achieve freedom in the northern states and Canada, was a secret network of "conductors" (abolitionists and sympathizers) who helped the former slaves find safe "stations" along their path to freedom. Since most of the slaves were never taught to read, using quilt squares was an apt method of communication.

During this time, New Bedford had a large population of abolitionists, including Quakers, who were staunchly opposed to any form of slavery or oppression. For this reason, the area became involved in the Underground Railroad.

Ms. Gaspar will share the story of the Underground Railroad with the students as they craft



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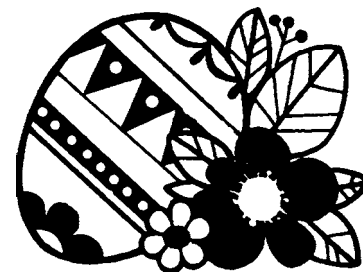
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"I'm so excited about this," said Linda Burke. "But I don't want this to be limited to the girls' population." Ms. Burke said that this would be a wonderful class for both genders and all ages. The Underground Railroad – and the country's rich tradition of handcrafts – is significant to everyone, not just girls.

"There is more to quilting than simply the design and the color," said Ms. Burke. "It's part of our history – a way of communication – and it was done by children, teenagers and adults. Anyone can quilt if you attach a significance to it."

For more information about the Underground Railroad and the quilt tradition, Ms. Burke said that readers can enjoy the following books:

- *The Underground Railroad for Kids* by Mary Kay Carson – This activity book teaches children about the Underground Railroad through text and activities.
- *The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Path to Freedom* by Bettye Stroud – This storybook tells the story of one girl and her escape from slavery using quilts as communication.
- *The Secret to Freedom* by Marcia Vaughn and Larry Johnson – Another story of one family's use of quilts to escape slavery and achieve freedom in the north.

Although class registration is limited to 15 people, there are still some openings left, but registration is required. Those who attend are asked to bring craft-sized scissors, a 12-inch clear ruler, a canvas bag to hold supplies, and a large spool of all-purpose white thread. Registration is open to anyone in the fourth grade and

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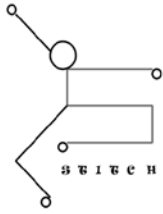
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Rochester Water Line Request Denied

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes on March 22, 2010. Also in attendance were Selectmen Naida Parker and Bradford Morse, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera and Assistant to the Selectmen Veronica Lafreniere.

The minutes of the March 15 meeting were approved, and the Board moved to sign a Flammable



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In the first and only appointment of the evening, the Board met with the Rochester Planning Board and the Board of Health in regards to a water line that a developer would like to run at Forest Landing, a proposed subdivision for residents 55 and over. The developer requested permission to run approximately half a mile of water pipe to supply the units with town water, instead of digging a well.

The project, which has been in the works for about three years, has the necessary permits to go forward with construction, and the developer, Mario DiBona, has met all the bylaws with the project. The Planning Board came before the Board of Selectmen to support this request for running the water line, which would be required by law to have fire hydrants every 500 feet.

But the Planning Board had heard that the Board of Selectmen was not favorable to running the water line, and they requested the appointment to discuss the matter further.

"These 60 residents would be taxpayers," said Robert Cummings of the Planning Board. "Do these residents have the right to town water? I think the answer is 'yes'."

Chairman Nunes wanted to know how the line would benefit the town as a whole. To that, Mr. Cummings said that the fire hydrants would lower the insurance rates for the people already living in the area of Forest Landing (in the area of New Bedford Road and Cushman Road), and the residents there could choose to tie into the line.

"I think that it's right. I know that you may disagree, but it's right," said Mr. Cummings, who said that a development well would cost \$5,000-10,000 a year for Forest Landing residents to test – this alone may have the residents back at a Board of Selectmen meeting in the future.

Selectman Parker made the Board's stance clear: they were not going to "piecemeal" water line approval until a definitive water grid plan was in place for Rochester. "We have no plan for running water line plans," said Selectman Parker. "We don't know where we

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want this to go." Selectman Parker was also concerned with setting precedent for other developers as far as running water lines, which would undermine their efforts to keep Rochester rural.

"You eventually want water pipes in every street in Rochester," said Mr. Cummings. "Mark my words." Mr. Cummings referred to the Board's argument – that increasing the water grid would increase development – was a "cop-out". "You are confusing planning with town needs for water and you are sticking your heads in the sand," said Mr. Cummings.

Sandra Keese of the Board of Health also spoke in favor of the water line. "We've made Mr. DiBona jump through hoops," said Ms. Keese. "This is a great savings... the town should receive some benefit from this. It makes sense to have water there."

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon agreed, saying that if the Board voted against the measure, it would be "a lost opportunity to extend a water line at no cost to the town."

Mr. Cummings spoke again. He reminded the Board that they approved water lines for The Pines development and the Center Village development. He expressed frustration that all of the "technical boards" in town – the officials who have formal knowledge concerning matters of public health and safety – were all in support of this line extension, but the Board of Selectmen was not.



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Selectman Morse said that his main concern was that there was only a certain amount of water available to Rochester, and they couldn't place too much demand on that supply. Mr. Cummings said that this development would use 6,000 gallons a day, "and that is no where near [Rochester's] maximum."

Chairman Nunes said he would entertain a motion to grant permission to run the water line, but the other two selectmen did not make the motion. Chairman Nunes made the motion, but received no second. "Motion failed, and the request is denied," he said.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera said that Fred Underhill would attend a meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville to hear more about regional flooding and what federal disaster assistance is available.

The Board granted a three-month absence without pay request to Officer Robert Small.

Mr. LaCamera informed the public that the federal census was underway, and that everyone in town should have received their census forms by now. He said that the town hall would be used as a training site for census takers on April 12 and April 26.

In the final item of his report, Mr. LaCamera told the Board that Covanta, the company that operates SEMASS, would have an Annual Partners Conference in Philadelphia, PA and it would cost \$400 to send a



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representative – either Mr. LaCamera or a member of the Board. Selectman Parker reminded the Board that they had put a freeze on out-of-state travel expenses, but Selectman Morse thought it was worth the exception, since it was important to stay informed and keep a good relationship with Covanta. The Board voted to send Mr. LaCamera to the conference.

In Correspondence, the Board received new digital flood insurance rate maps from FEMA. Two copies will be sent to the Assessor's office.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

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Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer on March 23, 2010. Also in attendance were Selectmen Paul Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael Gagne and Assistant to the Selectmen Melody Pacheco.

The minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved.

The first appointment of the evening was canceled. The liquor application hearing for Tastebuds, a new bistro that will be opening in Mattapoisett, was withdrawn without prejudice.

In a second appointment, the Board met with the Tree Committee and voted to declare Arbor Day on April 30. The Tree Committee had an Arbor Day flag that the Board agreed to fly in front of the town hall on Arbor Day to raise awareness in the tree's role in environmental protection. The Tree Committee will also present information on Arbor Day at an upcoming Center School "Global Awareness Day". "The Committee is always looking for new participants," said member Bette-Jean Rocha. They are also looking for new places to plant trees, and encourage memorial plantings.

The Board then met with representatives from the Mattapoisett School Committee – Chairperson Grace Knox, members Ginny Beams and Gerald Johnson and Superintendent Douglas White – for an overview of the FY11 budget that was presented at the Mattapoisett School Committee meeting the evening before.

Mr. White said that the budget would be \$5,636,478, which represented a .86 percent increase from the FY10 budget. Ms. Knox was happy that they managed to make this budget with minimal cuts to existing programs, and didn't have to affect current staffing. They achieved this feat by adjusting salary accounts, negotiating with teachers, and making some paraprofessional support changes. They also addressed the telephone and electricity accounts and food service accounts.

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"It's important to understand that this budget is extremely tight," said Ms. Knox. "It's vulnerable. We need some good things to happen during the school year. Hopefully, during the year we'll find some savings."

Selectman Silva pointed out that from 2008 to 2011, the special education budget has increased 100% and it now comprises about 10% of the budget. "Times have changed," said Selectman Silva. "The money is not there. We need to support special education, but we need to find a different way to do it." He asked the Committee if they have investigated "School Choice" money, where other communities could tuition in their students. Ms. Knox said that the budget was too vulnerable for that, since they "don't have a choice who comes into the

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district". They could receive more students with special needs, and the cost to support them would negate the \$5,000 tuition they receive.

Mr. White was in support of exploring School Choice, however. "We do need to investigate other avenues," he said.

Chairman Collyer thanked the Board for their presentation.

Town Moderator Jack Eklund then requested permission from the Board to appoint Steve Cassidy to the Old Colony School Committee, to fulfill an unexpired opening from Dana Barrows' resignation. The Board agreed and Mr. Cassidy was appointed. Further, they acknowledged the 15 years of service that Mr. Barrows gave to the Old Colony Committee, and Mr. Eklund noted that there is another opening available with Blanche Perry's recent resignation. Interested Mattapoisett residents can learn more about this vacancy by calling the town hall.

The Board then met with the Friends of the Tinkham Forest, who were represented by Diane Perry and Patricia Aleks. Prior to the appointment, George Randall, who was a plaintiff in the Tinkham Forest case, recused himself.

The Friends came to the Board with a request to officially record with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds an agreement that was made with the Bay Club to grant three access points to the Tinkham Forest land that was granted to the town by Nelson Floyd Tinkham in 1968. Residents had voted at the 2003 Mattapoisett Town Meeting to approve the Bay Club's acquisition of Tinkham Forest, which abutted the Bay Club land, in exchange for another parcel of land in Mattapoisett. A 2007 Superior Court ruling found the swap illegal and invalid, and the Bay Club had to grant three access points

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to the town forest for public use. So far, only one access point has been granted, and that is the main gate of the Bay Club on Route 6.

The second request of the Friends was for the Board to enforce the ruling, which means getting two more access points to the land from the Bay Club.

Chairman Collyer was very supportive of having the agreement recorded with the Registry of Deeds and also agreed that the access should be enforced, though he thought that the language in the agreement regarding access should be clarified. He thought that a subsequent meeting with the Bay Club would successfully distinguish two more access points to the Tinkham Forest.

Mr. Gagne said that a copy of the plans already shows one trail easement, but it is not clearly labeled, so they would need to investigate it further. They will also need the original copy of the agreement for the Registry of Deeds. There was a little confusion about who had the original – either the attorney on the case, Dan Perry, or the town – but a subsequent meeting with the Bay Club and Friends of Tinkham Forest will establish two more access trails and the agreement will be recorded.

Danny White, Chairman of the Road Race Committee, then asked permission from the Board to hold the Annual Road Race on July 3. This will be the 40th Road Race in Mattapoisett, and last year there were 1,000 runners. Mr. White is hoping that they will be able to place more portable toilets at the event this year, but

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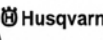
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otherwise, the race will be similar to prior years. Last year the Committee granted eight scholarships to Old Rochester Regional Students. The Board voted to approve the Road Race for July 3, 2010.

The Board then heard from Matt Burke and Denise DiPietro, two student representatives from MassPirg, about updating the bottle bill. The bill, which was passed in 1982 and encouraged consumers to recycle their bottles in exchange for a deposit return, does not include water bottles or energy drink bottles. The proposed update would include deposits on these bottles, thereby increasing the incentive to recycle. The updated bottle bill has been accepted by New York, Maine and Hawaii, and 133 Massachusetts towns have also signed onto the bill.

Chairman Collyer and Selectman Randall were supportive of the update, but Selectman Silva said that he didn't want to make any decisions until he had heard the other side of the debate. He said he would do more research and they would revisit the topic at a later date.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Gagne said that he would like to suggest a "Green Up Day" in Mattapoisett, where volunteer groups could do a roadside spring clean up of litter on a Saturday morning. They would pick up heavy-duty bags and would be assigned streets. The bags would then be left on the roadside for the public works truck to remove. The Board was supportive of this measure. More information will soon be available on the town website: www.Mattapoisett.net. "This will create pride in the community and jazz things up for summer," Mr. Gagne said.

In further "green" news, Mr. Gagne reported that the annual Massachusetts Agricultural Commission meeting that he recently attended was "excellent" and a "wealth of information" with workshops and speakers.



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There are 131 Agricultural Commissions in Massachusetts currently, and there is an article on the 2010 Town Meeting warrant to form an Agricultural Commission (AgCom) in Mattapoisett. Mr. Gagne said that information from the meeting he attended will be placed on the town website for residents to read prior to the Town Meeting.

Mr. Gagne also reported that he has gotten excellent information from Rochester about starting a Tri-Town farmers' market in May. The Rochester market is willing to share materials and signs for the effort. There will be a meeting with the Old Rochester Regional School Committee to get approval of the school parking lot for the market.

In Correspondence, the Board received:

- Updated cable information from Comcast about analog and digital programming. The scheduling data for Comcast and Verizon is available in the Selectmen's office.

- An annual request was made from the ORRJHS music department to hold their "Concert in the Park" on Thursday, May 27 at 10:30 am.

- A notice of the yearly rabies clinic, which will be



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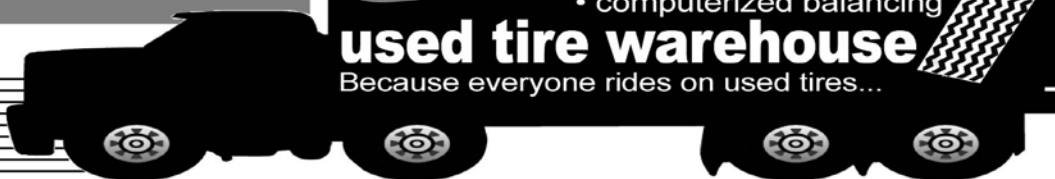
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There being no more business to attend to, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Board, Selectmen Discuss Affordable Housing

Rochester Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Arnold Johnson on March 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall. Also present were committee members Gary Florindo, Robert Cummings, John DeMaggio, Colin Kelly, Stephen Healy

and Planning Board Secretary Shirley Darcy. Additional attendees included Kenneth Motta, a field engineering consultant, Board of Selectmen Bradford Morse, Richard Nunes and Naida Parker, and Town Administrator Richard LaCamera.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for Chris Byron, a board member and retired Superior Court justice who passed away on March 9.

The board and its School Building Committee then reviewed a site plan for the Rochester Memorial School (RMS) project. Steven Ventresca of Nitsch Engineering discussed a storm water drainage plan in detail. He laid out challenges in draining water from the property due to high groundwater levels that would interfere with needed extension back infiltration galleries. He said the firm, with assistance from Mr. Motta, conducted two tests to determine the depth of groundwater at the front and the back of the school – groundwater levels were adequate in the back, but the water was too close to the surface in the front area. Mr. Ventresca said the firm will conduct additional groundwater tests in the hope of finding an appropriate location for the galley system to meet drainage requirements.

"We're taking little steps, but hope it comes together quickly to put the [drain water] issue to rest," said Mr. Ventresca. After receiving some comments and suggestions from the board on possible plan modifications – including adding an infiltration system to the roof and rerouting the galley, Mr. Ventresca agreed to meet with the committee again after further tests are conducted.

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The board then approved the March 9 minutes, and field engineering vouchers of \$735 for Covanta and \$2,730 for Forest Landing.

The next order of business was an informal meeting for a site review plan for .42 acres of solar panels at a water plant site located on the Freetown/Rochester line. Representing New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure, Carol Rego of Camp Dresser and McKee and New Bedford Water Department Chief Operator Robert Giard delivered a brief presentation on the site plan. Ms. Rego noted that the solar panels – which would provide 90 kilowatts of energy – do not require digging and maintain the current drainage pattern. Ms. Rego also said the solar panels cost approximately \$500,000 to install.

"This seems pretty straightforward to me," said Chairman Johnson. The board and Ms. Rego then worked out which abutters would be notified of the process and confirmed an April 6 public hearing on the matter. The board then voted to waive the consulting fee, but not waive the \$200 application fee.

At this point, the board briefly arranged with Mario DiBona – owner of the recently approved and forthcoming Forest Landing project – the funding mechanism to begin construction. Mr. DiBona said he would fund the initial costs of the roads, water system, and soil work by covenant to get things off the ground, and consider a bond later once the project is up and running.

The topic then moved to a citizen petition requesting a zoning change to accommodate a private

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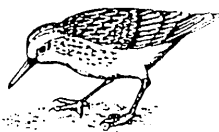
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landing strip. Mr. Cummings immediately noted that the lack of a clear definition of a "landing strip" in the bylaw. He said a definition would need to be drafted that can be inserted into the application an amendment upon approval. Mr. Johnson noted that a hearing on the citizen petition is scheduled for April 27.

The Board then approved the Chairman's signature on a Chapter 91 Waterways License Application for a Gerrish road resident seeking to build a dock for private recreational use.

The next agenda item involved possible free planning assistance from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). The board would need to write a letter to qualify for the free 20 hours of consulting time offered by SRPEDD. Mr. Johnson and the board decided to wait on drafting the issue to identify planning issues that could use SRPEDD assistance.

Mr. Johnson then led a brief discussion on the scheduling of a Land Use Forum. The event originally was planned for April 3, but the holiday weekend precluded many from attending so the board considered two possible new dates: May 1 or May 24. Mr. Cummings suggested that the RMS could serve the forum's venue to accommodate all interested members of the public.

At this point in the meeting, the Board of Selectmen joined the board to discuss a wide range of issues. Foremost, the Selectmen and planning board discussed the elimination of the town planner position currently held by Randall Kunz. On this matter, Mr. Cummings said: "I do not think the board needs a full



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time planner. The town needs someone who can provide technical assistance for the day-to-day [issues]."


The conversation then evolved into what kind of position the town needs. The answer: an experience-heavy part-time professional with a civil engineering background, possibly a near retiree. Mr. LaCamera stated that the town would earmark \$26,000 for the part-time position and he agreed to draft the job description for dissemination. Several board members agreed that with the pending departure of Mr. Cummings, an expert in civil engineering, the planning committee needs someone to assist with technical issues, assist Ms. Darcy with her workload, and possibly assist other town committees.

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the town center. Mr. LaCamera notified the board that the consultant has until June 30 to finish the work or the \$10,000 directed towards the project will be distributed elsewhere. Mr. Johnson conceded that the work "got put on the back burner" although some progress was made. He assured Mr. LaCamera that the consultant will get moving on the project and assist with the upcoming Land Use Forum.

Ms. Parker then briefly spoke about the need to rezone Rochester's center to "limited commercial" so businesses are relieved of the burden of submitting special permits to operate. She also expressed concern about the recently approved 33-unit Forest Landing project, which she believes is overly dense and involved too much removal and reconstruction of natural resources. She suggested adding ore constraints to the bylaw on how the natural environment is altered to adhere to zoning and other requirements. The Board did defend its approval as "withstanding the straight-face test," as Mr. Cummings put it, and said the developer met all of the requirements of the Conservation Board and Board of Health, among other committees.

The last item for public discussion was a modified draft of the affordable housing plan, which outlines strategies to add to Rochester's affordable housing stock in the next five to ten years. "It will not happen overnight," noted Mr. LaCamera. The plan is being drafted for state record and also to allow the town to apply for a Community Development Block Grant, among other things, Mr. LaCamera said. Mr. Cummings suggested that areas designated for affordable housing

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The planning board then agreed to provide further feedback on the second draft of the affordable housing plan by the end of April.

The planning board, Selectmen and Mr. LaCamera then voted to get into executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss pending litigation.

Budget Hearing for Mattapoisett Schools

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Sarah K. Taylor

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District 2010 public hearing. At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grace Knox. Also present were committee members Gerald Johnson, Virginia Beams, Charles Motta, Joyce Lavoie, Superintendent Douglas White, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm, School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio and Principals Matthew D'Andrea and Rosemary Bowman.

Superintendent Douglas White began by stating, "I hope to give you a sense of what's in this year's budget." The principals from both the Center School and Old Hammondtown School each spoke about the school's highlights. The Center School principal, Ms. Rosemary Bowman mentioned the great families involved in the school, and how the children are considered individually, as well as part of a community. The Center School has a S.T.A.R. system, which stands for: Stay safe, Treat others the way you want to be treated, Always do your best and Respect your classmates, the staff and the school. Ms. Bowman said, "it's a privilege to be the principal of Center School."

The Old Hammondtown principal, Mr. Matthew D'Andrea brought to attention the recent MCAS percentages for fifth and sixth grades, which are 74% and 86% proficient and advanced. He spoke about the many programs the students enjoy and excel in, which include a Special Olympics basketball team, an amazing race and a talent show.

The Superintendent concluded the principals' highlights by saying "so you can see, there are many great things happening in our school district."

Mr. White then explained a portion of his Power Point presentation, saying, "the goal is to produce a proposed 2010-2011 budget that takes into consideration the decrease in state revenue, and increased health insurance and pension costs. The FY11 budget is \$5,636,478.00, an increase of \$48,188.00 or .86% over the current budget."

Chairperson Knox pointed out that while the budget is "extremely tough, this year there are no program cuts." She then motioned to adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:37pm.

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Continuing on with the agenda items, Chairperson Knox commented on the recent bullying issue at Old Hammondtown School, which she felt Mr. D'Andrea handled well. She praised him for addressing both sides and for creating a no tolerance atmosphere at the school.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. White mentioned the "Race to the Top" award, which Massachusetts could be selected to receive. Also, the Sippican School has been approved to receive a program called "NutriKids," which is a lunch program where each child has a pin number they use when ordering their lunch, and which allows parents to keep track of the money in the account, as well as look up the food choices their child/ren are making. The Mattapoissett Schools could be close behind in adopting the new program.

The Principal Reports basically reiterated what had been said earlier about the schools. Mr. D'Andrea also commented that, "we will continue to be proactive and address bullying when we see it."

The Minutes from both February 8 and 22 were approved with minor corrections, and with two abstentions. A motion to approve the 2010 Mattapoissett School Budget with the .86% increase was then made, which passed with a unanimous vote.

At 8:30 pm Chairperson Knox asked to move into a brief executive session, and the public meeting was closed.

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Rochester School Board Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A scheduled meeting of the Rochester School Committee was called to order on March 18, 2010 at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Sharon Hartley. Also in attendance were committee members Donna LaLiberte, Timothy Scholz, Robin Rounseville, and Tina Rood, Superintendent Doug White, Rochester Memorial School (RMS) Principal Jay Ryan, School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio, and Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm.

Mr. White began the meeting by delivering a presentation of the Rochester School District budget, which funds the education of 606 students at RMS. According to Mr. White, the proposed FY11 budget is \$5,723,075, which is 4.38 percent over last year's budget. A level-service budget would have required an 8.3 percent increase, or \$455,497. As such, the proposed budget requires significant cuts in programs and services, the superintendent said.

In his budget presentation, Mr. White listed \$335,067 of unavoidable expenses the current budget has to absorb: professional salaries (\$118,010); support staff salaries (\$26,996); Bristol Aggie tuitions (\$37,974); and out of district tuition and transportation (\$152,087). Given these increases and a spike in costs for delivering special education services, the budget reflects \$215,479 in cuts. Some of the cuts listed in the budget include:

- One sixth grade teacher due to decreased class size and three special education paraprofessionals.
- Professional development for teaching gifted students and testing materials.
- Assistant principal to a half time position.
- Student activities, including the fifth grade camping experience.
- Technology replacement and upgrades.

Principal Ryan noted that the second half of stabilization funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Acts (ARRA) – which equals \$100,000 for next year – significantly reduced the number of cuts required. Following the presentation, Ms. Hartley thanked the superintendent and Mr. Ryan and "everyone

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else who worked behind the scenes" to create a "well-thought out budget."

Ms. Hartley then formally began the meeting with the chairperson's report. She recounted a recent visit with Mr. White and Mr. Ryan to RMS to discuss moving arrangements for classroom furniture and supplies during the next phase of the school renovation project. "It is a big undertaking this summer, but a lot of good work is going on," she said.

The chairperson then brought up a "way more serious" issue: talk of non-resident students in Rochester. "You can only go so far and sit back and quietly say the truth," said Ms. Hartley. "At some point you have to stand up and say: this is the truth. There are no non-resident students at RMS at this time."

She said the school committee has been working very hard with the town and is proud of its work with Town Administrator Richard LaCamera and town officials. However, she said: "We still have been the subject of rumors and untrue statements – including by town leaders, actually – which is surprising and maybe even shocking."

The chairperson provided some background to the non-residency issue. She said at a public meeting on February 23, she confirmed to Selectmen Bradford Morse and Richard Nunes of the existence of one non-resident student. However, a few days after that meeting, she said, "that one became zero," which she said she clearly communicated to town leaders. Ms. Hartley said she was asked by the Rochester Finance Committee to meet to put the issue to rest, but the finance committee canceled a March 4 meeting, which has yet to be rescheduled. She said the superintendent and Mr. Ryan had put together a list of students and their addresses for the committee.

Ms. Hartley noted that the school board has been hard at work clarifying residency policy. "I'm really proud of the work of the committee in the area of residency; we led [the establishment of] new detailed residency policy for the district," she said. This new policy is being reviewed at a joint school committee meeting on March 25, she said.

In the meantime, the chairperson reflected on the

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lack of public participating in committee meetings and urged concerned residents to attend. "School committee meets regularly – we invite folks to come to committee and talk to us and ask questions of us. You will be treated with courtesy and respect," Ms. Hartley added.

In his report, the superintendent discussed the recent news that Massachusetts is included as one of the top 16 finalists for Race To The Top (RTTT) dollars. He said that participating district leaders met with Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Mitchell Chester to assess how RTTT money would be spent if Massachusetts becomes a RTTT state in April. He said Mr. Chester is encouraging districts to prepare for the potential dollars by developing their request for proposals (RFPs). "We are very excited about the process," said Mr. White.

The superintendent also discussed a recent meeting with Southcoast superintendents where talk of the budget ruled the day. Specifically, the talk revolved around a potential four percent decrease in Chapter 70 state aid, which would lead to substantial cuts across local school districts. Further, Mr. White discussed his attendance at a Massachusetts Association of Regionalization meeting, where he made connections that may assist in Tri-Town regionalization efforts. Also, he said, next year's school calendar will be solidified at a joint committee meeting on March 25.

In the principal's report, Mr. Ryan lauded RMS students who performed at a recent choral concert. He also praised "wonderfully dedicated volunteers" who lead four teams of RMS students at a recent Destination Imagination tournament. Also, he reminded the board of a March 26 auction for RMS themed "Let's Go To The Movies" to help fund new playgrounds at the school.

The board then approved the minutes for February 9 and February 23 minutes with minor modifications.

In the business report, Ms. Isernio discussed recent transfers to accommodate a shortfall in funds for substitute teachers and special education. She also discussed forthcoming results of a cafeteria survey. "Chicken nuggets are popular," she said. She briefly

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mentioned the new point-of-sale cafeteria system to be implemented in April at Sippican Elementary School in Marion.

Mr. Ryan then gave a lengthy account of the school renovation project. He discussed the next phases of construction over the April break and the summer, and the challenges of clearing out rooms so work can be done. He said by late August, teachers should find their classroom furniture and supplies as they left them. He stressed that "it won't look like a completed school" as another phase is slated for Christmas break. Mr. White also stated that students will be kept safe and areas will be clearly fenced off for their protection. Ms. Hartley also said she is "very grateful" to the Rochester Congregational Church that offered space for special education classes in the summer due to construction at RMS.

In remarking on children witnessing the transformation of the school, Ms. Rood remarked: "It is so exciting. What a teachable moment for the kids."

The meeting then shifted to a deliberation on the FY11 budget preceding the vote. Ms. Isernio noted that the only change since the last draft was the half time reduction of the Assistant Principal position and tuition expenses for one student currently applying for Bristol Aggie. Also, Ms. Hartley remarked that teacher contractor negotiations limiting increases to two percent "remove[d] pressure on us" when constructing the budget.

Shortly thereafter, the school board approved the budget, which will be finalized on May 17 at the Rochester town meeting.

In an enthusiastic report on PTO-funded Destination Imagination, Ms. Rood recounted the experience of students attending a recent tournament in Dennis, Ma. The school committee also discussed after-school programs being discussed by SMEC Executive Director Kathy Cooper.

The school committee voted to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

School Board Approves FY11 Budget

Marion School Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Jane McCarthy at 6:30 pm in the Marion Town Hall. Also present were committee members Christine Winters, Jay Pateakos, Joseph Scott, and Vice Chairman Brad Gordon. Addition attendees included Superintendent Douglas White, School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio, Interim Principal Lyn Rivet and Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm.

Preceding the official meeting, Mr. White delivered a presentation for the public on the school budget. After laying out data on enrollment figures, teachers, class-sizes, maintenance staff, paraprofessionals,

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The budget – which includes significant cuts in supplies – will lead to longer supply lists for parents, said Ms. Rivet. For example, the principal stated that parents should expect more “unusual items” on the list – like clay, art paper and journals – to accommodate regular annual projects. In response to concerns about disparate lists between classes in the past, Ms. Rivet said that teachers currently are coordinating their lists to ensure consistency.

In the chairperson’s report, Ms. McCarthy mentioned efforts since October to put together the FY11 budget. “In the current climate, I know we are in rough shape, and I appreciate the hard work and sacrifice,” she said. Ms. McCarthy then said she received a letter from Town Administrator Paul Dawson about the formation of a task force to investigate Tri-Town regionalization of schools. She expects more information on the regionalization effort to come to light at the March 25 joint school meeting. In addition to regionalization, the joint school committee is looking to finalize next school year’s calendar.

In the superintendent report, Mr. White said that talk of school budget troubles dominated the conversation at a meeting of local superintendents he attended in



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Fall River. State educational aid decreases may be forthcoming, he said, noting that the state government may reduce Chapter 70 state aid monies by four percent, representing an additional \$82,000 cut from the Old Rochester Regional District school budget. Mr. White added that Massachusetts legislators promised not to exceed four percent cuts in state aid.

Following a question about how budgets are constructed in New Hampshire – where Mr. White also served as superintendent – Mr. White noted that Proposition 2 1/2 significantly constrains how much money schools receive in Massachusetts. Proposition 2 1/2 is a statute enacted in 1982 that limits property tax increases by Massachusetts municipalities. One New Hampshire school increased its budget by 18 percent, which Mr. White said would never happen in Massachusetts due to this law. "It has been a ride so far," he said of constructing next year's school budgets.

Both Mr. White and Ms. Rivet commended student performances at a recent choral concert. The students "did an incredible job that really displayed their talents," the principal said. Other exciting news is Sippican School's first place win at a recent Destination Imagination competition, as well as the school's successful first annual spelling bee and science fair. Ms. Rivet specifically praised enrichment teacher Stacey Soucy for coordinating these events.

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In other news, Ms. Rivet briefly mentioned the resolution of a problem with a recent bus driver who reportedly made inappropriate comments to students. The driver has been disciplined and moved to another route, she said.

Additionally, the principal discussed policy changes governing student absences due to a surge in absenteeism in the school. The problem of absenteeism may affect the Adequate Yearly Progress reports, an accountability measure mandated by No Child Left Behind. To that end, Ms. Rivet said the revised policy would equate 10 tardies and/or early dismissals to one absence. Also, half days will be scheduled on Wednesday, not Fridays, to counter absenteeism. She said the state is not making any adjustments to AYP requirements despite the recent spate of swine flu cases, which increased absences.

One parent at the meeting asked Ms. Rivet about concerns among a group of fifth grade parents about one teacher's curriculum and grading philosophy. She conceded that "there was not a good process getting fourth graders ready for fifth grade" and asked concerned parents to approach her directly with their issues. Ms. Winters later stressed that "parents want a shared common body of knowledge and expectations" among the class levels.

At this point in the meeting, the board unanimously approved the February 24 minutes.

After a brief business report, Ms. Isernio announced the launch date of the Nutrikids point-of-



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In other news, Ms. Rivet delivered a presentation on Every Day Math – a new math curriculum under consideration for Sippican School. She said that six teachers recently visited a Hingham school to evaluate its experience with EDM, which the school recently adopted. She said that after a couple of years adjusting to the program, the school experienced an upswing in MCAST scores. Overall, the teachers "were impressed" with the "on-task behavior of the children" receiving the EDM curriculum at Hingham. She said the costs of the program are yet to be determined, but predicts that the school will receive two years of free training as part of purchasing the EDM package. A teacher meeting scheduled on March 24 will further investigate the adoption of EDM, Ms. Rivet said.

Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (VASE) Chairwoman Ronia Lavranos then presented the organization's plan to install a new \$19,400 playground by the batting cages at Sippican School this spring. She said the playground's intent is to provide a focal point of activity for children who enjoy their recess and lunch breaks in the back of the school. The playground received



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In the building committee report, Mr. Gordon addressed "unresolved issues in building" including roof leaks, drainage issues, damaged drywall and HVAC concerns. He said the committee would review proposals to rectify these issues.

Ms. Hamm also briefly discussed efforts to enhance early education by providing kindergarten teachers with general information about preschoolers entering their classes. Although the information "is not mandatory," she hopes parents will provide such information to assist the teachers.

At this point in the meeting, the board approved the FY 2011 budget, which will go before the town in May for final clearance.

The board then voted to go into executive session at 8:50 pm

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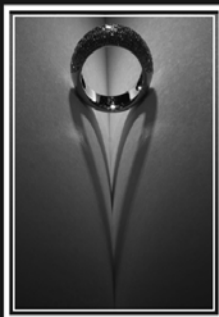
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Board Approves Special Permit, Announces Workshops

Marion Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson Tom Magauran on Monday, March 22 at 7:19 pm in the Marion Town Hall. Also present were board members Joseph Napoli, Jay Ryder, Steve Gonsalves, John Sweeney, Julia Crowley and Planning Board Secretary Terry Santos. Patricia McArdle did not attend.

The first item of business was approval of an invoice from WB Mason for \$10.95 for the secretary's new

nameplate.

Pressing on, the board discussed a recent application for a shellfish aquaculture license. The applicant, Jim O'Dowd, had recently submitted an application in Mattapoisett for the same purpose, but withdrew his application following negative public reception. Specifically, the application requested approval to develop one half-acre for 720 oyster bags in Marion harbor.

"I wouldn't think this is attractive from an environmental perspective," said Chairman Magauran on his initial reaction to the application. He specifically cited concerns of "nitrogen loading" in the harbor and said the applicant would need to demonstrate "compelling public interest" showing how the town would benefit from the operation. Mr. Ryder also questioned whether the town could receive revenue for a business conducted on water.

Mr. Magauran stressed the need "to move very slowly" on assessing the application. "We need to make sure it gets explored in depth," he said.

The board then opened the first public hearing to discuss a site plan review for a proposed nursery, "Always in Bloom," at 454 Wareham Road. Jack O'Leary of Merrill Associates – who represented applicant Sardinha Family Trust – said the new business would occupy an existing building near Dunkin Donuts. Mr. O'Leary also had represented Sardinha Family Trust in the past to develop the Dunkin Donuts parcel.

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Overall, the attorney discussed methods to ensure compliance, including the placing of a wet swale to provide "more than sufficient" drain water storage and the creation of 11 parking spaces in the back to satisfy bylaw requirements. Mr. Magauran then reviewed a list of concerns submitted by the town engineer. One issue is that some plan elements ensuring compliance reside on the Dunkin Donuts parcel. Mr. O'Leary said his client is willing to combine parcels and certify it as a condition of approval to ensure that changing ownership does not hinder compliance.

Mr. Magauran also listed concerns by engineers of floodlights; Mr. O'Leary responded that the current lights are standard residential lights and he does not see a need to change them.

A difference in opinion between Mr. Magauran and Mr. O'Leary arose regarding parking in the front of the store. The engineer recommended that the front parking be angled with sidewalk access and a green strip out front. Also, he recommended an "open apron," meaning cars can go in and out of the lot without backing up. Currently, drivers need to back up in the lot before proceeding out the exit to Route 6.

"Personally, I do not feel it is safe," said Mr. Magauran. "We already had our first T-bone [collision] at Dunkin Donuts. I do not want to add to the problem."

Another issues discussed included the need for a landscaping plan, which the applicant is exploring, and a designated snow-loading area. Also, the board informed Mr. O'Leary that a plan for trash and recyclables needs to be spelled out in the application.

In one comment from the public, an abutter urged the board to ensure that no fences or high bushes separate the parcel from her property. She said these additions would block light and air into her building.

Mr. Magauran said he would pass comments to the engineer and continue the discussion on the application at an April 5 hearing. At the present time, the applicant stills need approval from the Conservation Committee, according to the chairman. The board then approved a motion that the matter will be taken up at the next meeting.



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The board then entered into a second hearing to discuss a special permit request by the Shaw and Johnson families of 404 and 406 Point Road. The application, which the board originally received on December 22, asked for approval to build a pier for use by both properties.

At the last meeting, the board rejected the idea of combining the two parcels to meet setback requirements needed to build the pier. In this public hearing, Attorney Richard Schaefer reworked the application as an approval for a pier as an accessory to a parcel.

According to the attorney, the Conservation Committee already approved the pier request with an order of conditions. Namely, he said the pier would "leapfrog out into the marsh" with minimum impact on the environment. He said the northern abutters have already submitted a letter approving the plan and the southern abutters, who have expressed concerns in the past, will be unable to see the pier.

The attorney then argued that at the time the lot was created, it complied with frontage requirements. Also, an ANR application in 1986 found that the lot met the provisions of the pier as an accessory.

Chairperson Magauran then said he recently sought guidance from Town Counsel Jonathan Witten on the application. He said that Mr. Witten found the applicant's language "valid and sound" and endorsed language appropriate for the application's approval.

As such, Mr. Magauran then explained that in the 1990s, requirement to build piers were significantly "upzoned" – which blocked most parcels from adding piers due to new stiff zoning requirements. Thus, under the guidance of Mr. Witten, the board drafted a special permit decision approving the application with the following language: the approval "holds that the frontage requirements may be lessened as long as the lot meets a number of criteria that go above and beyond the current requirements... the Board finds that the [Shaw] lot to be built upon meets these criteria and is therefore a conforming lot."

Describing this new language as "precedent-setting," he said it helps offset the "onerous zoning



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requirements" and "high burdens" resulting from strict zoning requirements enacted in 1996 and 1999. "I have no problem with it legally and in principle," the chairman said. "I think it is a good precedent," Mr. Ryder added. The chairperson noted that he foresees only three other properties affected by the precedent-setting language.

In addition to this language, the special permit decision rendered by the planning board included a lengthy list of conditions.

At this point, the board formally approved by unanimous vote the special permit request. The board opted to approve the request as an association pier, not an assessor pier.

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public hearing regarding a wind turbine. The board reopened and then closed the hearing without comment. "You're locked and loaded. Good luck at the town meeting," said the chairperson to a representative of the Alternative Energy Committee. The gesture indicated that the board had approved an amendment request, and now the fate of the turbine was in the town's hands.

The meeting ended on a discussion of upcoming Town of Marion Neighborhood Planning workshops on March 27 and April 10. The workshops, open to the public at large, intend to bring the community together to solidify a vision for future development in Marion. The board then shared philosophical views about the purpose of planning, which Mr. Magauran described as creating consensus on development and protecting residents from development they do not want. He personally cited the need to "preserve the integrity and viability of the village" as something he wants imbedded in the bylaw to preserve Marion's character in the future. The board will soon distribute a flyer to every town resident describing the workshops and encouraging them to attend.

The board then approved the March 8 minutes with minor modifications and approved approximately \$200 for use in mailing the workshop posters. Shortly thereafter, the board voted to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

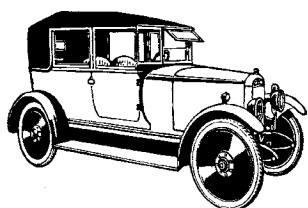
School Report
March is MCAS Month

By Anne Smith

It's that time of the year again – time for standardized MCAS testing. For the sophomores, their testing begins this week with the English Language Arts, but their testing won't be concluded until May with the Mathematics test. This year of testing is critical for three reasons: first, it is the last year of MCAS testing for the sophomores. Second, the sophomores must pass the grade 10 MCAS in order to graduate high school. And third, students who test well will receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for furthering their education.

The first test session of the English Language Arts examination was on Tuesday, March 23. This session was the Long Composition, which students only take three times during their entire span of public education. Students are first introduced to the Long Composition in the fourth grade, and they learn one of the five-paragraph essay formats for the Long Composition in the seventh grade. But this year, the students have learned a more refined five-paragraph essay and will be writing about literature instead of answering an opinionated question.

Students have been practicing the Long Composition essays in class, especially in the honors level where the students must write a pop-essay on their independent reading book. (Independent reading is the ORR term for the monthly book that students read separate from the school curriculum.) In Mr. Allain's English class, students have already written two long



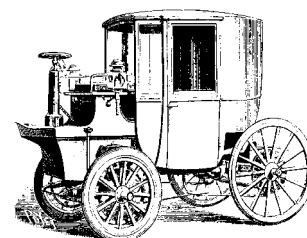
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composition “pop” essays – one on Jack London’s *Call of the Wild* and another on a free-choice book. Mr. Allain is confident of his students’ abilities for the MCAS long composition, he says. He also said in his MCAS pep talk that the only issue some students might have is overconfidence.

In preparation for the MCAS test, the school has also issued MCAS preparation books for students. These books include two full-length practice tests, sample scored essays, and test-taking strategies. Some classes have been using the books regularly, while others have been using them as a secondary resource and taken practice tests for homework.

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the next three test sessions of MCAS. These sessions, called Reading Comprehension, include articles and excerpts of literature that students must read and answer questions about. Most of the test is multiple-choice, but there is a selection of open-response answers.

The sophomores finish their testing with the Mathematics MCAS on May 17 and May 18. There are only two test sessions of math, but they are fifteen minutes longer than the English Language Arts test sessions.

The freshmen are also scheduled to take one of the Science MCAS examinations on June 2 and June 3. Most students take the Biology MCAS since that is the class they are currently enrolled in. Current sophomores who failed the Biology MCAS last year might have to take the Chemistry MCAS so that they can graduate high school.

MCAS helps facilitate non-need-based scholarships to outstanding students as well as monitoring the public schooling system. Students who achieve the advanced category on either the Mathematics or English Language Arts test, the advanced or proficient category on the other test, and reach the top 25% quartile will be granted a tuition waiver to state-supported undergraduate programs. This award is called the John Abigail and Adams Scholarship, although the recipients are not notified until their senior year of high school.

By now, most students are tired of taking MCAS. It's a total of six years of examinations, and the test has become so familiar that many students can recite sections of the proctor's speech. All the sophomores can agree that hearing "your answers will not be scored for spelling, punctuation, or grammar," for the last time will be worth the time and energy of sitting for the test.

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Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly

On **April 3**, there will be a Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly Easter Pie Sale at Seaport Ice Cream and Coffee Shop from 8:00 am until the baked goods run out. Come and buy something good for Easter!

Tri-Town Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tri-Town is holding a Team Captain's meeting on Wednesday, **April 7** from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, at Center School, 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett. The Relay For Life of Tri-Town is currently seeking local residents from Mattapoissett, Marion, Rochester, and the surrounding

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communities to serve as committee members, team captains, and volunteers for the June 11-12 Relay event. All funds raised through the Relay For Life of Tri-Town will support the American Cancer Society's programs of cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

For more information about the Relay For Life of Tri-Town or to find out how to get involved, please contact co-chairpersons Caryn Hodges via phone at 508-989-7805 or e-mail at fna1500@comcast.net or Carol

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"Relay For Life is an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as much as it is a fundraiser," said the Community Executive for Development for the American Cancer Society. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event as a volunteer or participant have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know that you can beat cancer." The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit www.cancer.org.

Rochester PTO Auction

The Rochester Memorial School Parent/Teachers Organization (PTO) is excited to announce its second annual live auction on Friday, **March 26**. The "Let's Go To The Movies" themed event will be held in the RMS cafeteria and will feature a preview hour at 5:30 pm with the live auction beginning at 6:30 pm. It will cost \$5 to receive a paddle and many exciting items have been

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North Rochester Congregational Church News

- **Chocolate Festival** – Just in time for Easter!

Reward yourself at the annual North Rochester Congregational Church Chocolate Festival, which will be held on Saturday, **April 3** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the North Rochester Congregational Church at 247 North

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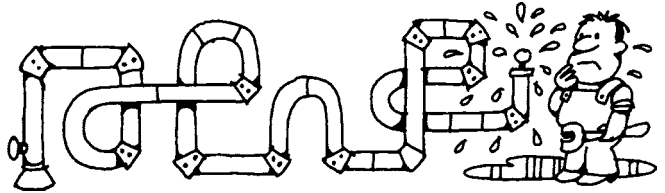
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• **Easter Sunday Service** – The Church will be holding a special service on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am to which everyone is invited. This special service will involve the presentation of “Lenten Canticles - A Passion Cantata”, an engaging and thought-provoking piece, which weaves the music by John Leavitt in with the reading of Lenten scriptures. To finish the service, the congregation will sing favorite Easter hymns. If you are a singer and would like to join in this performance, please contact Nancy Sparklin at 508-763-2327. She would love to include you. The last rehearsal is 12:30 pm on Sunday, March 28, and will probably last under an hour.

Nasketucket Bird Club

Mike McCarthy, a Mattapoisett resident, will demonstrate his expert technique of carving shorebirds, waterbirds, and duck decoys on Thursday, **March 25** at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

For more information about his work, please go to his website www.mattbirdworks.com. Some of his fine pieces will also be available for purchase. The Nasketucket Bird Club invites all to attend, with refreshments to follow the meeting. Please use the library's south door entrance. For more information please call club president Mike LaBossiere at 508-863-

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Machacam Club Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its April 7 meeting at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner service at 6:00 pm.

Our speaker this month will be Robert Marckini founder of the international prostate cancer support group "The Brotherhood of the Balloon" (BOB). The organization, launched in 2000, consists of 5,000 men from 28 countries. The group promotes prostate cancer awareness and prevention, advocates proton beam therapy for prostate cancer, and raises millions of dollars for proton therapy research. Bob is a chemical engineer with a Masters in Business Administration. He has entitled his talk "Prostate Cancer Awareness – Diagnosis and Treatment". Much thanks to Steve Lombard who recommended this speaker.

Bob has also authored the book, *You Can Beat Prostate Cancer*. It has become one of the top-selling books on the subject of prostate cancer detection and treatment.



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Sofia Gabriel, daughter of proud parents Stefan and Marya Gabriel of Mattapoisett has been awarded an all expense paid study trip to Germany. Sofia was one of 44 chosen from a field of 23,000 who participated in a nationwide German testing program administered by the American Association of Teachers of German. Sofia, who is a student at Old Rochester

Regional High School, will travel this summer to Germany to participate in the study trip which includes excursions of cultural and historic interest.

Obituaries

Louis Richard Vachon, 78, of Mattapoisett died March 18, 2010 at New Bedford Rehabilitation Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Angelina J. (Cedrone) Vachon.

Born in Newton, MA, the son of the late Edward and Rose (Forgeron) Vachon, he lived in Newton most of his life summering 46 years in Mattapoisett. He relocated to Mattapoisett in 2002.

Mr. Vachon was formerly employed as an electrical engineer for ITek for over 50 years until his retirement. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife; 4 sons, Stephen J. Vachon and his wife Tracey and Michael J. Vachon and his wife Laura, all of Mashpee, John T. Vachon and his wife Susan of Lakeville and Robert J. Vachon and his wife Dee of Amesbury, MA; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late David Vachon and Edward Vachon.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. Remembrances may be made to the Salvation Army 33 Myrtle St. Waltham, MA 02453. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Margaret "Peggy" Bagtaz (Duran) 75, died March 5, 2010 after a routine surgery. She was the wife of 56 years of Robert Bagtaz. Born in Boston, she was raised in South Boston and

attended St. Brigid School. She was a graduate of Nazareth High School in South Boston.

A homemaker, Mrs. Bagtaz was a resident of Stoughton for over 36 years, before retiring to Florida 12 years ago. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW in Palm Bay, FL. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and spending time with her family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her six children: Robert Bagtaz of Brockton, Jo Anne Gambrazzio of Berkley, Paul Bagtaz of Avon, Mark Bagtaz of NH, Eileen Pina of Rochester and Richard Bagtaz of Stoughton. She was the sister of MaryLou Yanovich and Jay Duran both of FL, Annette Grealish of NC, James Duran of Weymouth, John Duran of Andover, David Duran of Oklahoma, Eileen Benson of Brockton and the late Daniel Duran. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by the Farley Funeral Home, 358 Park St. (Rt.27) Stoughton. Donations in Peggy's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. Obituary at www.farleyfh.com.

John E. Beech, 69 of Marion, longtime resident of Lakeville, died on Monday, March 15, 2010, at Tobey Hospital, Wareham, after a brief illness. Born in Middleboro; he was the son of the late Roger C and Marjorie H (Washburn) Beech. He was the owner of John E. Beech Electrical Inc., Lakeville.

He is survived by his longtime love; Sherry Bernier and her 3 children; Allan Bernier, Katelyn and her husband Richard Martin, Bryan and his wife Vanessa Bernier, one son; Scott Beech and his fiancée Christine Lucas, one daughter; Dena and her husband David April, one brother; Roger and his wife Margaret Beech, several grandchildren.

At his request, services are private. Donations in his memory may be made to: Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N Halsted #201, Chicago, IL 60642.

Rose (Costa) Ferrari Moore peacefully passed away on March 12, 2010 at Sippican Health Care Center, Marion, MA. Rose, 92, lived a full life traveling around the world for busi-

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Rochester Country Fair Award

Thanks to the generosity and support of those who attended the Fair's 2009 Ponderosa Open Golf Tournament to benefit the Rochester Country Fair Awards, the Rochester Country Fair Awards Committee is happy to announce that they will be able to award \$400 for educational expenses to a graduating senior from both Old Rochester Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational High School.

The deserving students must reside in Rochester, have shown and proven positive leadership, strong work ethics, academic goals and community service. Applications are now available in each of the school's guidance offices.

St. Gabriel's Holy Week Service Schedule

• **March 28** – Palm Sunday – 8:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Narrative and Holy Communion, Rite I in the Chapel. 10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, Children's Pageant and Holy Communion, Rite II in the Church.



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ness and pleasure. Wherever she lived and worked, she made endearing friends.

Rose grew up in a close knit family and community in Rochester, New York. She is predeceased by her husbands Enrico Ferrari and Marvin Moore, her sisters, Angie (Sam) Demaio, Lillian (Louie) Tartaglia and Mary (Rocky) Nacca, her brothers, Joe (Carrie), Mike (Eva) and Sam (Mary) Costa, her in-laws, Dominic and Lena Pitoni, Fred and Helen Ferr, Anthony and Betty Ferrari, Jim and Esther Cosmano, and Frank Ferrari. She is survived by her older brother Tom Costa and his wife Alverna, sister-in-law Carol Ferrari (Frank), her sons Patrick and wife Betty Ferrari of Macedon, NY, Thomas of Bakersfield CA, Jerry and wife Judi Havens of Marion, MA, Steven and wife Gretchen of Westport, MA, her daughter Susan West of Avon, NY, 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 2 step-children, and 30 nephews and nieces.

A celebration of Rose's life will be hosted by her sons and daughter, for friends and family on March 20th at the home of Patrick and Betty Ferrari, Fairway 18, Macedon, NY from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The family would like to sincerely thank the nursing and support staff at Sippican Healthcare and Allegiance Hospice for providing the love and outstanding service and support.

Irene A. Pastie, 88, of New Bedford, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 19, 2010, at Hathaway Manor Extended

Care Facility, after a long period of declining health. She was the widow of Arthur J. Pastie and daughter of the late Stanley and Lottie (Piekut) Kisla.

She was a lifelong resident of New Bedford and was a high school graduate. Irene and Arthur were married Dec. 28, 1941, in St. Casimir Church and she enjoyed being a housewife and raising her two sons, Robert Pastie and his wife, Elsa of Vallejo, CA, and Kenneth A. Pastie and his wife, Dolores of Rochester. She also has a brother Alfred S. Kisla and his wife, Geraldine of Fairhaven; and several step grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Irene loved long car rides, especially out to Horse-neck Beach, with up tempo music on the radio while enjoying hot dogs with onions. She looked forward to family gatherings, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and loved watching science programs on television, particularly if the subject was the universe. She was drawn to people who displayed fun, warmth and vitality. She did not complain about her illness.

Irene's last few years were happy ones, especially due to her wonderful roommate, Eva Medeiros at the Hathaway Manor, and to the loving dedication of staff at that facility, especially to those nurses and CNA's who cared for her for many years. The family also thanks South Coast Hospice for all of their fine work. Arrangements were by the Rock Funeral Home, New Bedford, MA.

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Sunday March 28, 2010

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicles
12:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
6:30 PM - New England Job Show
7:30 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Presents
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday March 29, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:30 AM - Fox Robbins Business Show
10:00 AM - Community Arts in Action
10:30 AM - Second Act
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
8:00 PM - Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM - Physician's Focus
9:00 PM - New England Job Show
9:30 PM - Around BCC
10:00 PM - Smart Boating
10:30 PM - Life Matters

11:30 PM - The Big Picture
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday March 30, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Graceful Aging
10:30 AM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
4:00 PM - Free Minds TV
4:30 PM - Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition
5:00 PM - The Possibility of Light in a Cold Place - Peter Stone
7:00 PM - HomeFront
8:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:30 PM - The Big Picture
Midnight - Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday March 31, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM - The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM - Cooking With Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - NASA 360
4:00 PM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
5:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center

5:30 PM - Second Act TV
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - White House Chronicle
7:30 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
8:00 PM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
9:00 PM - The Possibility of Light in a Cold Place - Peter Stone
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - The Big Picture
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday April 1, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
10:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - HomeFront
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music
11:30 PM - The Big Picture
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday April 2, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM - Fox Robbins Business Show
10:00 AM - Cooking With Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle

Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
8:00 PM - HomeFront
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM - The Marion Art Center
9:30 PM - New England Job Show
10:00 PM - Free Minds TV
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Friday Night Drive-In Theater Midnight Movies

Saturday April 3, 2009

8:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM - NASA 360
11:00 AM - Expedition New England
11:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
Noon - The Marion Art Center
12:30 PM - Around BCC
1:30 PM - The Possibility of Light in a Cold Place - Peter Stone
3:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

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7:30 AM - Latest Tri-Town Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
2:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting

4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:15 PM - Latest Tri-Town Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:15 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - An Interview with Lorne Lawless Candidate for State Senate
9:00 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
11:30 AM - Latest Tri-Town Board of Selectmen Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:15 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:30 PM - Latest Tri-Town Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - RMS 4th Grade Presents - Willie Wonka
9:00 AM - Life After ORR
9:30 PM - ORRHS National Honor Society Ceremony
11:00 AM - ORRHS Hockey
12:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
1:10 PM - ORRHS Jazz Band at the MAJE
1:30 PM - ORRHS A Day in the Life Projects
2:30 PM - New Bedford Youth Orchestra
2:50 PM - ORRHS Winter Blues Film Festival
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• **April 4** – Easter Sunday – 6:00 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Silver Shell Beach, sponsored by representatives of the First Congregational Church, Community Baptist Church, South Coast Community Church, St. Rita's Catholic Church, and St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel with spring flowers, organ and the Eastern Ocean Brass Ensemble. 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church with spring flowers, organ, the Eastern Ocean Brass Ensemble and timpani, Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Cherub and Junior Choirs.

• Midweek services – **April 1** – Thursday Holy Communion in the Chapel, 7:00 pm. **April 2**, Ecumenical Good Friday Reflections: Nine 20-minute reflections on the Passion of Christ led by Episcopal and Congregational Clergy. Participants: The Rev. Geoffrey Piper, the Rev. Terry Newberry, the Rev. Dale Thackeray, the Rev. Sanford Fasth, the Rev. Dr. Chuck Lake. **April 2**, Good Friday Passion Liturgy (no communion), 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church is located at 124 Front Street in Marion. For more information about these services, please contact the rectory at 508-748-1507.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society will present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, **April 30** and Saturday,

May 1. Under the direction of Brian Roderick and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon and organist Dwight Thomas, four guest soloists and over eighty voices will perform Schubert's Mass in B Flat Major. Uplifting songs of faith and devotion, such as Amazing Grace and America the Beautiful will round out the program.

Both concerts will start at 8:00 pm and will be located at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 124 Front Street in Marion. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, and can be purchased at the Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Shoppe in Mattapoisett and Baker Books in Dartmouth. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Rochester Land Trust Potluck Supper

The Rochester Land Trust Board of Directors invites you to their annual meeting on Wednesday, **March 31** at 6:30 pm in the Rochester Congregational Church Fellowship Hall. Join the RLT for a potluck supper while we elect board members and officers for the coming year, and our President Russ Keeler will summarize the Land Trust's recent accomplishments and future plans.

This year's featured speaker is Mark Rasmussen, President of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB). Mark will discuss the CBB's land preservation efforts in the Mattapoisett River Valley and Rochester in particular. He will also provide an update on the CBB's research in the Sippican River system, including both Hathaway and Leonard's Pond, and their efforts to improve the habitat

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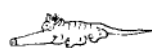
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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Time for Spring Clean-up!

It's that time of year again – time to break out the gardening tools and get ready for a new year of gardening. All that unseasonably warm weather we received last week had a lot of folks meandering outdoors after a winter of being cooped up. Did you see all the plumes of smoke in the Tri-Town? Looks like everyone had the same idea: get that brush cleaned up!

And now we are ready to prepare our yards and gardens for a season of summer fun. There are lots of green things popping up. It's time to start making decisions – is it a weed or a plant? What should I do with all that old potting soil? Here are some items to tick off the checklist.

- **Rake and get the thatch up** – Despite thorough raking in the fall, you will invariably find pockets of leaves around your yard. Although you can't burn leaves, it's great for compost, so throw it in the mulch pile if you have one. You'll want to rake the whole yard, too. It's called "getting the thatch up". Thatch is the old, matted grass from the previous season. It prevents air from getting into the soil, which means the grass is stunted if the thatch is still there at the beginning of the season. For best grass results, get the thatch up with a rake.

Also, you might want to take that opportunity to note places in the yard where the grass is thin and reseed or treat for grubs (if you suspect them). Grass grows best in the cool, damp spring weather.

- **Identify plants** – Do you forget what you planted last year? Are you the proud new owner of a house that you bought in the winter and have no idea what is planted in your yard? www.GardenWeb.com is a great resource for everyone, especially people trying to identify plants in their yard. GardenWeb is filled with experienced gardeners who love nothing more than to chat plants and help you identify your sprouts.

All you need is a digital camera. Take a picture of the plants you have coming up in the yard, and upload the pictures to the Name That Plant! forum on GardenWeb.com. Eager gardeners with lots of experience will help you identify what you have growing in your yard. The usual suspects are hostas, daylilies and peonies, but you may find that you have something more exotic in your yard.

- **The Hydrangea Treatment** – Southeastern Massachusetts is lucky to have some of the prettiest hydrangeas around. Spring is a great time to get those



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hydrangeas in shape. There are two types of hydrangeas: Mopstop and Lacecap. Mopstops are the most common around here – they are the big blue (or occasionally white) orb-shaped bloom heads. Lacecaps have flat tops and have a bloom pattern that resembles lace. Both varieties rarely require blooming. The most you ever have to do is remove some of the old stems, and that can be done anytime of the year. If your hydrangea plant is getting too big, consult your local gardener about how to properly prune the plant, depending on its type. Proper pruning is essential to getting blooms the next year. Also, avoid pruning forsythia until they are done blooming for the spring season – otherwise, you aren't going to get any of that pretty yellow bloom.

- **Identify the Invasives** – If you haven't heard of chickweed or Japanese knotweed, consider yourself lucky. These are just a couple of the nuisances that grow in Tri-Town gardens. Knotweed looks like bamboo, and it can grow anywhere. It destroys the soil for other plants and blocks out the sun for the rest of the yard. It grows in large clumps and is almost impossible to eliminate.

In spring, Knotweed starts as a harmless little shoot that almost looks like a maple seedling, and then it grows out of control. If you are battling the knotweed, consider digging up the large clumps to start. That won't be enough to keep the knotweed away, but it will remove the largest part of the plant – this is easiest to do in the spring, before the plant gets a chance to start growing. Invest in large tarps and lay them down over the area where the knotweed starts to grow. Knotweed is so persistent that it will continue growing under the tarp. Stomp on the new growth every few days. If you are worried about the look of the tarp, cover it in mulch and place planters on the area – no one will even know the trouble that lurks beneath the site.

Knotweed can also be killed with certain herbicides, but that should always be a last resort to natural methods, for the sake of your health and the soil's health.

- **Reusing potting soil** – A lot of people want to know – can they reuse potting soil? Well the short answer is usually "no". But I always cut a little old soil into new soil each year as filler – about 1 part old soil to 3 parts new soil – and my plants always come out great. You can also use old potting soil to fill in holes in the yard, or you can add it to the mulch pile where it will become rich again.

It's the perfect time to rototill, plant lettuce, peas and pretty soon, it will be perfect weather for pansies! Roll up those sleeves and have fun!

For more information about pruning roses, ideas for your windowboxes, or ways to garden organically, visit www.GardenWeb.com, or visit your local greenhouse as soon as they are open for the season.



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ORRJHS Hoop Havoc

It's time for the ORRJHS community to gather for the annual Staff vs. Student Basketball Game called "Hoop Havoc." Eighth-grade students who wish to participate entered their names in a lottery in order to be randomly selected to play in this exciting game. Homerooms put together raffle baskets that are filled with donated items from the both staff and students. The competition always brings in a good crowd from the school and alumni who return for the event. This year the event was inspired by and will benefit an eighth-grade student who is battling osteosarcoma.

The competition has always proven to be entertaining and the proceeds go to a worthy cause. Please consider joining us on **April 9** at 6:30 pm in the High School Gymnasium. Tickets may be purchased at the junior high or at the door. For more information follow the links to our school web page at www.orr.mec.edu or call the junior high school at 508-758-4928.

Marion Scholarship Committee News

The Marion Scholarship Committee is accepting applications to all Marion residents interested in applying for college scholarships. The applications are available in

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Above: Wandering Wanderers and Marion residents Natalie and Katie Nilson enjoyed a recent trip to Lake Tahoe with their cousins, former Mattapoisett residents Megan and Maddie Parent. Clockwise starting top left corner: Megan Parent, 12, Maddie Parent, 10, Natalie Nilson, 8, and Katie Nilson, 6. Photo courtesy of Dana Nilson.



Members and friends of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church enjoy their 3rd Annual Ski Trip to Ragged Mountain in Danbury, NH on March 6, 2010. 57 members and friends gathered around Billy Osborne, who holds a copy of the March 4 Wanderer. Picture courtesy of Rick Vigeant.

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Mattapoisett Tax Collector News

• **Mattapoisett Fourth Quarter Taxes Due** – The fourth quarter of the 2010 Actual Tax Bills are due **May 3**. Taxpayers who did not retain their fourth quarter payment coupon should contact the Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1.

Taxpayers are encouraged to register for making on-line payments through the Town's website, www.mattapoisett.net, and click on "Pay Taxes Online". By registering with eBill taxpayers can have their payments withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts through an ACH transaction or can make payments using VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards. Payments can be made using eBill until 11:59 pm on the due date of May 3. Other options for taxpayers are to mail their payments to P.O. Box 1596 or deposit payments in the mail slot located near the back corner of Town Hall.

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Taxes remaining unpaid after May 3 are subject to interest and a \$15 demand fee, as voted at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2009. According to State statute, failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the tax bill and any resulting interest if the payment is late. Please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1 for questions regarding payments.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: The fourth grade Marion-Mattapoisett All-Star Basketball team won first place in the Acushnet Basketball tournament on Sunday, February 14, 2010. Congratulations, team! Front row (left to right): Kyle Gillis, Bennett Fox, Corey Lunn, Noah Fernandes, Jacob Yeomans. Back row (left to right): Coach Sughrue, James Dwyer, Tyler Menard, Thomas McIntire, Owen Sughrue, Jason Gamache, Coach Yeomans. Picture by Jamie Dwyer.

Above left: Kaitlyn Florio entertains at the St. Patrick's luncheon hosted by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly on March 18, 2010. There was plenty of green cake, green punch, and good conversation in the room. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.



Left: Wanderer reader Liz Glennon-Hathaway knows that it's springtime when she sees George Church out in his Rochester field with his tractor, which she says are "both going strong". Here, Mr. Church starts his yardwork on March 18, 2010. Photo by Liz Glennon-Hathaway.



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the first commitment of 2010 were mailed on February 26, 2010. Payments are due in the Collector's Office on or before **March 29**.

Information on Motor Vehicle Excise Bills is supplied by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Taxpayers should confirm that the RMV has their correct mailing address and place of garaging. Additional time and taxpayer money is spent in re-mailing bills returned from the Post Office for incorrect addresses.

According to State statute, failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the tax bill and any resulting interest if the payment is late. Interest accrues daily at a rate of 12% on excise tax bills not paid by the due date. A Demand Fee of \$15, as authorized by a vote at the May 11, 2009 Annual Town Meeting, shall be added to bills not paid by the due date.

For questions regarding registration transfers or cancellations, taxpayers should contact the Assessors' Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 3. Taxpayers who have not received a bill should contact the Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1. To avoid long lines at the Tax Collector's Office, taxpayers are encouraged to mail their payments to P.O. Box 1596, use the drop-off box or pay taxes online by registering at www.mcc.net.

Tri-Town Early Education News

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Regional High School, is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted until **April 1, 2010**. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of three and four year olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of the three member towns.

The preschool program serves three and four-year-olds and follows the school calendar. It is unique in that it provides a high quality early childhood education opportunity to preschoolers while also offering high school students a chance to learn about working in the field of early childhood education. A licensed early childhood teacher and a rotation of high school students staff the classroom.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Nice Ink

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***The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.* Starring Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist. Directed by Niels Arden Oplev. Running time: 152 minutes. No MPAA rating.**

Lisbeth Salander, the 24-year-old heroine of Stieg Larsson's bestseller *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and now the film version, is a great, prickly creation. On paper she may seem a collection of quirks: a goth, bisexual, chain-smoking, brilliant computer hacker with a history of violent behavior. But Noomi Rapace, the actress who breathes life into Lisbeth, gives a full-scale star-making performance with reserves of complexity and pain. Rapace carries this two-and-a-half-hour murder-mystery solidly, and seemingly effortlessly, on her slim sharp shoulders. Whoever takes the role in the upcoming American remake has gigantic shoes to fill.

Lisbeth isn't the only lead, though. The other is Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist), a journalist facing three months in prison after his exposé of a corrupt industrialist got him tagged for libel. Mikael is hired by another industrialist, this one retired and far more benevolent, to help solve a 40-year-old mystery. The businessman's niece went missing in the '60s, and he believes she was murdered. He also has little trust or love for his family, some of whom were or still are Nazi sympathizers. It's a large family with many red herrings. Mikael takes the job — he has nothing better to do, and the case revs up his muckraker's blood.

The mystery isn't the best reason to see *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*; for one thing, it leads to the sort of revelatory moment we've all seen a million times, in which the killer explains himself and seems to lack only a pointer and chalkboard. (The recent *Shutter Island* included that, with some parodic wit, I think.) No, the reason to watch is the relationship between the fortyish journalist and the severe young hacker, who eventually helps him with the case. The original Swedish title of the book and movie is *Men Who Hate Women*, and Lisbeth has met more than her share of such men. But Mikael is different; he doesn't seem to have a corrupt or even



sexual bone in his body — he cares only about compiling evidence. His monomania appeals to Lisbeth, who has her own one-track mind.

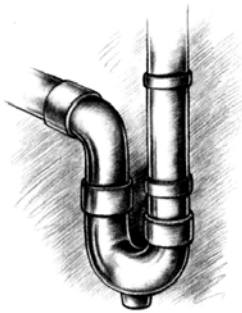
The movie really is their story, though it's over an hour into the film before they even meet. Before that, we watch them separately, each having a difficult time of it. Lisbeth is assaulted twice by a sleazeball who's been appointed her new "guardian," but she avenges herself so swiftly and decisively that we spend the rest of the film not worrying about her. She can take care of herself. It's Mikael, surrounded by a clan of suspects monitoring how close he's getting to the truth, that we worry about. Director Niels Arden Oplev spreads gravely ominous music over the proceedings, pointing up how isolated Mikael is in his shack on the family's compound. The suspense, I think, would be easier to sustain if we didn't know there are two other books — and movies, though they have yet to open here — in this series.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo compels us in the good old ways — the piling up of clues, the decoding of hints, the use of old photos to recreate a micro-movie of a subtle but key event. What sets it apart thematically is the late Stieg Larsson's preoccupations with racism, misogyny, and financial scandal as corrosive elements in the Swedish character. What sets it apart emotionally is the moving and sometimes funny rapport between the rumpiled reporter (Michael Nykvist's warm, steady performance will probably be overlooked but shouldn't be) and the pierced angel/demon who can do anything with a MacBook. I'll happily sit for two more movies featuring this pair; I only wish there could be more.

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Office to request one. All playgroups take place at old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw St., Mattapoisett. To enroll in the playgroup age-appropriate for your child, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863.

The infant group starts Wednesday, **March 31** at 9:30 am. There are two offerings for the toddler group. The first starts Monday, **March 29** at 8:50 am. The second starts Friday, **April 9** at 9:00 am. The preschool group starts Tuesday, **March 30** at 9:00 am. Pre-registration is required.

• **Tri-Town Screening Clinic Scheduled** – A screening clinic for children from birth through age five will be held at Sippican School, Marion on Wednesday, **April 14**. The screening clinic offers families



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MARION

Log highlights March 14-March 20

- Holmes Ln – General service
- Wareham Rd – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – MV stop, arrest, OUI
- Barnabas Rd – Burglar alarm
- Parkway Ln – Health/welfare
- Parkway Ln – Civil complaint
- Quelle Ln – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Medical emergency
- Emil's Way – Suspicious activity
- Green St – Fire alarm
- Cove St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle complaint
- Mill St – General service
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Inland Rd – Officer wanted
- Cove Cr – Fire alarm
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MVA/injury
- Spring St – Lockout
- Route 25 – Medical emergency
- Holmes St – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Motor vehicle stop, arrest
- Pine Hill Rd – Message delivery
- Mill St – Parking violation
- Pawkechatt Way – Fire alarm
- Wilson Rd – Animal complaint
- Water St – Burglar alarm
- Pleasant St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Power line down

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 14-March 20

- Ocean View Ave – Alarm, burglar
- Noyes Ave – Fire, other
- North St – Safety/road hazard
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Tobey Ln – Health/welfare
- North St – General service
- Hillside Ave – Animal control
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd – 911 call
- Eldorado Dr – MV Violations
- Cedarcrest Ave – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Complaint
- North St – MV violations
- Gammons Rd – Mutual aid/police
- Pine St – General service
- Brookside Dr – Ambulance request
- Field St – General service
- Church St – Animal control
- Wildwood Terr – Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Summons
- Main St – Disturbance
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Vandalism
- Kerwin Ave – Suspicious other
- Brandt Island Harbor – Fire, other
- Silver Shell Ave – Unwanted person
- North St – MV crash
- Melanie Ln – General service
- North St – Fire, brush
- Sagamore Rd – Health/welfare

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Log highlights March 14-March 20

- Cranberry Hwy – Alarm, burglar
- Mary's Pond Rd – Incapacitated person
- Cushman Rd – Highway matter
- Walnut Plain Rd – Fire, other
- Dexter Ln – Missing person
- Braley Hill Rd – Disabled MV
- Elizabeth Dr – Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Jason's Ln – Civil complaint
- Rounseville Rd – Ambulance request
- Snipatuit Rd – Highway matter
- Marion Rd – Investigation/DAM issue
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Lockout
- High St – Ambulance request
- Hartley Rd – Utilities
- North Ave – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Radar assignment
- County Rd – Disturbance
- High St – Animal control
- Paradise Ln – Paper service
- Cranberry Highway – Fire, other
- Alley Rd – Fire, structure
- Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
- North Ave – General service
- Neck Rd – Radar assignment
- Bennett Rd – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Noise complaint
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal Control
- Pauline's Way – Domestic disturbance
- Bindas Way – Fire, brush



LOCAL LUNCH MENUS

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Monday March 29: Oriental soup, sweet & sour chicken, Asian rice, dinner roll, fresh orange
 Tuesday March 30: Stuffed shells, green beans, whole-wheat roll, pears
 Wednesday March 31: Meatloaf w/onion gravy, red bliss potatoes, diced beets, whole wheat bread, birthday cake, Diet: graham waffle
 Thursday April 1: Roast Turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, winter squash, fruit muffin, pudding, Diet: pudding
 Friday April 2: Macaroni and Cheese, escalloped tomatoes, multi grain roll, peaches

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday March 29: Soup,

toasted cheese, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 30: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 31: Stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 1: Chicken shapes, fries, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 2: No school

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday March 29: Appetizer platter, burger slider, mozz sticks, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 30: Steak n cheese, fries, trail mix, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 31: Nachos with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk

Thursday April 1: Chicken shapes, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 2: No school

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday March 29: Soup, toasted cheese, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 30: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 31: Stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 1: Chicken shapes, fries, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 2: No school

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday March 29: Soup, toasted cheese, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 30: Macaroni &

cheese, hot dog, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 31: Stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 1: Chicken shapes, fries, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 2: No school

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday March 29: Hot dog or chili dog, beans, pasta salad, peas, pineapple
 Tuesday March 30: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, OJ, apple slices
 Wednesday March 31: Turkey, gravy, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, carrots, pears
 Thursday April 1: Assorted sandwiches, fries, veggie sticks, fruit
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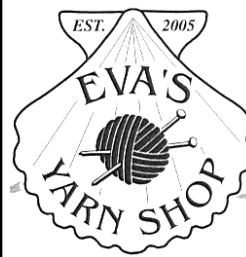
with questions about their child's development the opportunity to bring them for a broad screening of the major areas of a child's development. The screenings are conducted by Early Intervention and Old Rochester special education/early childhood professionals. To schedule an appointment, call 508-748-0100.

ORR Health and Wellness Night

There will be a Health and Wellness night at the Old Rochester Regional High School gymnasium on **March 31** from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Get Fit demonstrations will include Zumba, the ORR dance team, and pilates and karate demonstrations. Learn more about nutrition and meal planning, cancer prevention, and speak with Tri-Town Public Health Services. You will even get the chance to meet Jay Kruger from the Biggest Loser and 2009 Miss Massachusetts Amanda Kelly. There will be many more vendors and activities at this free event.

Sippican School News

- **Sixth Annual Arts in Action** – Sippican School



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in Marion is hosting its sixth annual Arts In Action Celebration on Saturday, **March 27** from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Arts In Action is an important part of National Youth Art Month as it provides the opportunity for visual and performing artists to showcase their talent while actively engaging in their work and interacting with an audience. It presents an opportunity for students and community members to learn about the arts and is a fantastic and unique opportunity to advocate for the importance of the arts in education.

Participants will have an opportunity to purchase items created by local artists as well as from Sippican's "Little Hands, Big Hearts." Interactive workshops will be available for participants throughout the day. Registration

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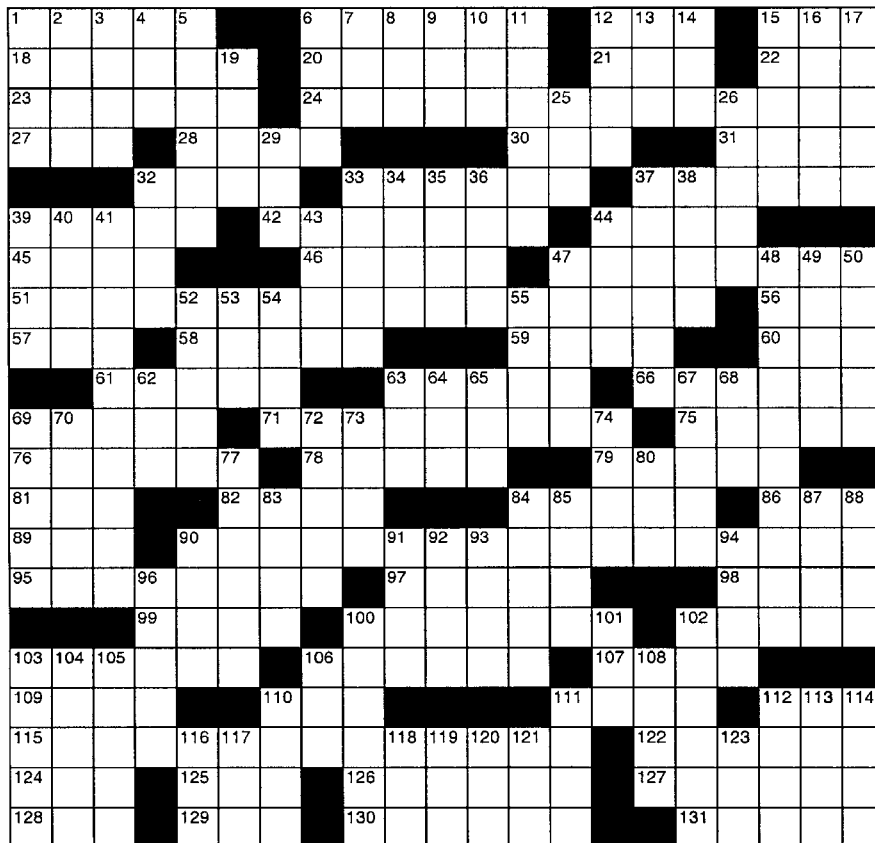
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel -- both for personal as well as for business reasons -- is strong in the Aries aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it's traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could that be a bad case of miscommunication going on. Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that's important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don't let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you're prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove to be surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't give up yet. That once warm, personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

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Lions Club News

• **Scholarship** – The Mattapoisett Lions Club is a member of Lions International, which consists of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members, making this the world's largest service club organization. The Mattapoisett Lions Club has announced a new \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating high school student that is a resident of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

The funds for this Scholarship are raised through charitable events run by the Mattapoisett Lions Club through out the year, including Harbor Days, an annual festival held in Shipyard Park every July and attended by up to 10,000 people. The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve" and one of the largest charitable causes of Lion's International include raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness through out the world.

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To obtain an application or learn more about this Scholarship go to www.MattapoisettLionsClub.org / scholarship, or speak to the guidance department at your High School.

• **Bowl-a-Thon** – There are still spots open to form a four-person bowling team for the district bowl-a-thon on Sunday **March 28** in Taunton. The deadline to register is March 15. For more information call Club

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATION The Marion Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:15 PM to consider the Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture License Application of Greenport Consulting, Inc. for a three-year license to propagate the American Oyster, Bay Scallop and Hard-shell Clam in an area off Job's Cove, Marion. The site will consist of approximately one-half acre for the first year and will be accessed entirely by water craft. Projected plans call for the site to expand to two acres over the next three years. Plans for the project will be available for inspection at the Board of Selectmen's office, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738, during normal business hours. Stephen M. Cushing, Chairman 03/18, 03/25</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Case #638 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM. on Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Brett Lansing for a Special Permit under section 4.2 of the zoning by-law to allow a conversion to two dwelling units under section 4 of use regulations of a property zoned in General Business. The property, located at 961 Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 10 as Lot 19. Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 03/18, 03/25</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:30 PM. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by 16 Water Street Nominee Trust, PO Box 652, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. . The proposed project is to construct minor additions and an attached garage. The project is located at 16 Water Street and is further identified as Lot #189 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #9.0. Conservation Commission 03/25</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Special Permit for a Back lot & Common Driveway application filed by Erica B. Benoit & Kathryn E. Guy for property located off Snipatuit Road, Rochester, MA and depicted on a plan entitled, "Plan of Division of Land in Rochester, Mass., prepared for Erica B. Benoit & Kathryn E. Guy, Map #35, Lot #35, Snipatuit Road, Rochester, Mass., and dated January 26, 2010, latest revision date of March 8, 2010, prepared by Charon Associates, Inc., 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The plan and application are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex (37 Marion Road) and may be reviewed between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 03/25, 04/01</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1412 submitted by SHAUN & ANN CARNEY to construct a detached 24' x 28' two-stall garage behind the dwelling at 310 Front Street. The site is further identified as Lot 28 on Marion Assessors' Map 13. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 03/25</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1413 submitted by WILLIAM A. SAMPSON to raze an existing house at 43 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach, and reclaim the yard by clearing brush up to 15' from the wetlands. The site is further identified as Lot 4 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 03/25</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION, Massachusetts is accepting applications for a Grade 5C WWTP Operator. This is a full-time union position. Please send resume to Town of Marion DPW, PO Box 1050, Marion, MA 02738 or e-mail rzora@marionma.gov. 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Men's Tri-Town Softball

Tri Town Men's Softball League is forming and looking for players and teams. If you are interested in either registering a team, or if you just want to play and are looking for a team to play on, please send an e-mail to the address below. Tri-Town Softball will be organizing at minimum a four-team league to play on Wednesday evenings locally from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, beginning in May.

Look for a website soon but for now if you are interested in being involved, and ideally are willing to recruit players to form and manage a team to play in this recreational men's softball league, please e-mail: tritownsoftball@comcast.net. Please make sure you include in the e-mail whether you are either playing or entering a team, and include contact information by email and phone. Tri-Town Softball will contact you with specifics, details and a projected schedule.

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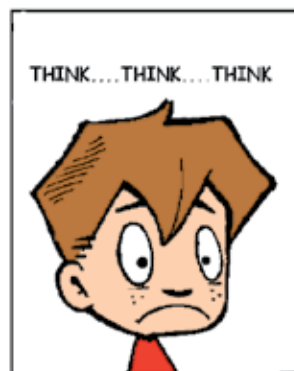
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Doors open at 6:30 pm and seating is first come first served. Space is limited. For directions go to: www.taboracademy.org/about_directions.asp.

Dr. Rau is Chief Medical Director and Founder of the Paracelsus Clinic in Lustmühle, Switzerland. He will explain his nutritional, therapeutic and detoxifying three-step-program for Lyme disease, with which he has a high success rate. He will also talk about how this approach has had a long term success rate of 60-80% in Colitis and Arthritis patients, without antibiotics, cortisone or immune-suppressants.

There will be a book signing after the lecture with Dr. Rau. His book *The Swiss Secret to Optimal Health* has reached national acclaim and continues to help educate people about Biological Medicine. It is a truly inspirational book and has given people the tools to help themselves start turning their lives around through his nutritional and cleansing programs.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

• Mattapoisett COA Board Seeks Members

– The Mattapoisett Council on Aging is currently accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to be considered for a seat on the COA Advisory Board. The current board is seeking individuals interested in contributing fresh ideas for current and new programming in support of well-being throughout later life. Individuals should be prepared to attend board meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Please send letters to COA Board Search Committee, at the Mattapoisett COA, P.O. Box 528, Mattapoisett.

Please call us at 508-758-4110 if you wish to learn more about our services. Call to sign up for all listings. Most events are free and open to all.

• **Monday, March 29:** 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 12:00 Fitness w/ Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

• **Tuesday, March 30:** 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop and Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 1:00 Art.

• **Wednesday, March 31:** 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness w/ Karen; 1:00 Art; 1:30 Bingo; FOE Movie with pizza – *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

• **Thursday, April 1:** 9:00 Bridge; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 1:00 Art; Trip to Partner's Cafe.

• **Friday, April 2:** Center closed for Good Friday.

• **Monday, April 5:** 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 12:00 Fitness w/ Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

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• **Thursday, April 8:** 9:00 Bridge; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 1:00 Art; Trip to Grist Mill, Seekonk.

• **Friday, April 9:** 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Shaws; 10:00 Cardio Dance Fit; 11:00 Caffeine Talk; 11:15 Meditation.

Reminders for upcoming weeks:

• **March 30** – FOE movie: *Time Traveler's Wife*. Movie is free, please RSVP for pizza (\$2).

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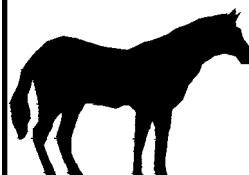
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• **Horton Hears a Who** – The Junior Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library are sponsoring a showing of *Horton Hears a Who* in honor of Dr. Seuss Month. Everyone is invited for this free viewing on Friday, **March 26** at 3:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Center School and Old Hammondtown School have half-days, so

plan to bring the kids and enjoy the show!

• **Celebrate Dr. Seuss** – March is Dr. Seuss Month at the Mattapoisett Library. Celebrate his birthday by checking out some of your all-time favorite Dr. Seuss books and participating in the free drawing for Dr. Seuss totes and goodies. There are three prizes that will be drawn Wednesday, **March 31**. Free Dr. Seuss games and crafts are available as give-away gifts for families.

• **National Library Week is April 11-17** – Coming next month is a series of programs and events for all ages to celebrate National Library Week in Mattapoisett. For young adults: Author Marissa Doyle is reading and talking about writing and publishing on Tuesday, **April 13** at 6:30 pm. There will also be a student art show

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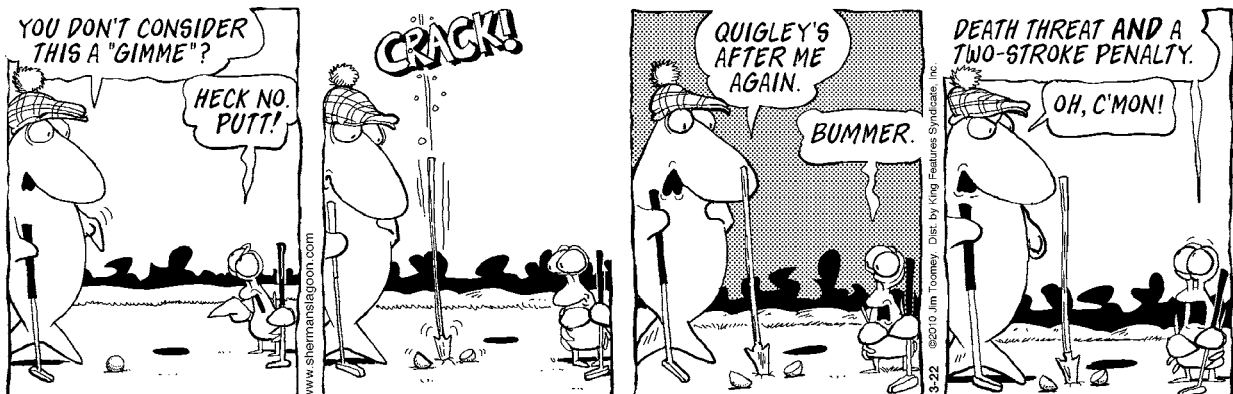
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- **Foreign Film Series** – The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be showing an award-winning contemporary foreign film each month beginning in March. *Cinema Paradiso* will be shown Wednesday, **March 31** at 6:30 pm. Donations will be accepted for popcorn and soft drinks to benefit the Friends of the Library. This series is intended for adults and is free to attend.

- **Books for Sale to Benefit the Friends** – Visit the Friends' Book Case upstairs at the library to browse bargain books for sale every day to benefit the Friends of Mattapoisett Library. From 25 cents to a couple of dollars for newer titles, you can find fiction and non-fiction for great reading. The Friends also sell gift items for book lovers including the new book tote. Ask to see one at the Circulation Desk. Why you're browsing, don't forget to pick up a Friends' membership and join today!

- **Writers' Group** – The Mattapoisett Library Writers' Group meets every first and third Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting will be **March**

30. Plans are being made for poetry activities during April, Poetry Month. Find out about some new publishing and contest deadlines, and share recent work.

Elizabeth Taber Library

- **Spring Storytime** – Spring Storytime for children ages 3 to 5 begins **April 5** and runs through **May 17**. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

- **Spring Tales for Two** – Spring Tales for Two is a storytime for children 24-39 months beginning **April 7** and running through May 19, 2010. Children must be two years old by April 7, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, fingerplays and crafts takes place Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

- **Spring Lapsit** – For children birth to 23 months and their caregivers, there is Spring Lapsit, a program that runs between **April 6** and **May 18**. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20-minute storytime following by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please!

Pre-registration is required for these programs – please sign up by calling or stopping by the library or e-mail Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

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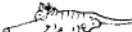
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March 27:	Sat.	6:15	6:42	...	12:17
March 28:	Sun.	7:09	7:33	12:35	12:59
March 29:	Mon.	7:59	8:22	1:29	1:41
March 30:	Tues.	8:47	9:10	2:19	2:22
March 31:	Wed.	9:35	9:58	3:06	3:03
April 1:	Thurs.	10:23	10:47	3:50	3:42
April 2:	Fri.	11:12	11:37	4:32	4:22
April 3:	Sat.	...	12:02	5:14	5:03
April 4:	Sun.	12:29	12:54	5:58	5:48
April 5:	Mon.	1:23	1:48	6:51	6:41
April 6:	Tues.	2:19	12:54	5:54	5:48
April 7:	Wed.	3:20	3:46	9:42	9:47
April 8:	Thurs.	4:23	4:46	10:30	10:54
April 9:	Fri.	5:21	5:39	11:07	11:40
April 10:	Sat.	6:10	6:25	11:43	...
April 11:	Sun.	6:49	7:02	12:20	12:17

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon March 30th Last Quarter April 6th New Moon April 14th First Quarter April 21st
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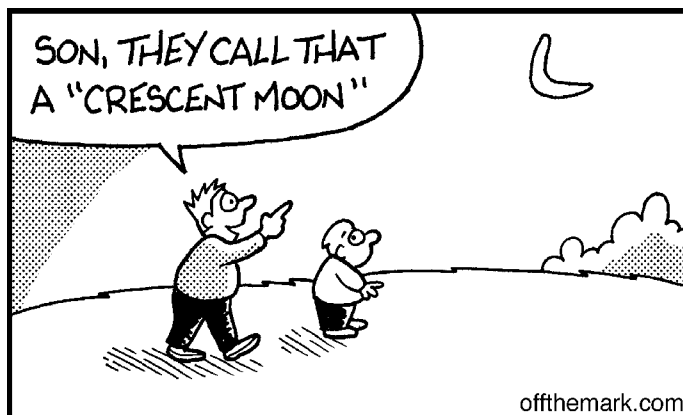
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off the mark by Mark Parisi



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